

# PREVENTING SEXTORTION AMONGST CHILDREN & TEENS



## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

YOUTH ARE SHARING NUDE CONTENT

**1 in 6** youth surveyed (ages 9-17) have shared a nude image



**50%** of kids who shared didn't care if they knew the recipient in real life

**41%** of those youth who have shared & sent images to people they believed to be ADULTS

## CHILD SEXTORTION CASE

**60%** knew the perpetrator

**51%** did not report incidents to family or friends

**13%** reported incidents to law enforcement

## THREATS HAPPEN SOONER FOR ONLINE VICTIMS



First contact is typically by phone via a social media friend request. victims are targeted on platforms they frequent.

**47%** Of victims experienced threats daily.

## SEXTORTION IS HAPPENING TO KIDS AND TEENS



**1 in 4**

Victims were 13 or younger when threatened.



**2 in 3**

Victims were girls threatened before the age of 16.

## VICTIMS ARE ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THE THREATS THEMSELVES

**65%** of victims blocked offenders from contacting them in hopes of getting away.

**45%** of victims reported that the contact didn't stop after blocking offenders.

**62%** complied with demands in an effort to make the threats stop.

**68% OF VICTIMS REPORTED THAT THREATS BECAME MORE FREQUENT AFTER THEY COMPLIED WITH DEMANDS.**

## VICTIMS ARE STAYING SILENT

**1 in 3** Victims had never told anyone, largely because of shame or embarrassment.

"Society continues to dismiss the fact that people are forced into situations (like sending nudes) and that they should be shamed if they are"

**VICTIMS ARE LESS LIKELY TO REPORT OUTSIDE OF THEIR INNER CIRCLE.**

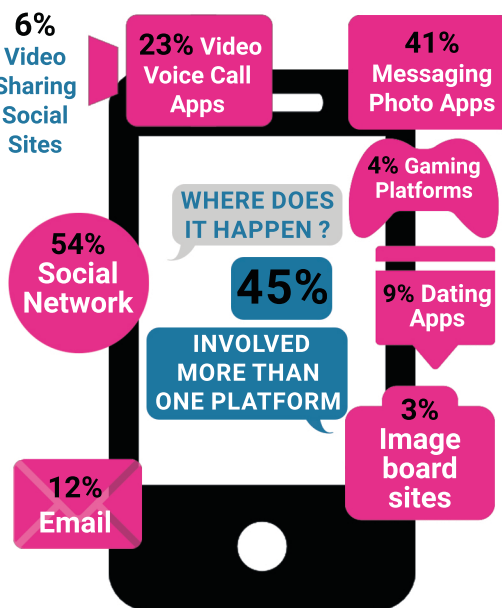
**54%** Disclosed to family / friend

**26%** Reported to a Platform / Website

**13%** Reported to the Police

## WHAT CAN WE DO?

- TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT SEXTING & SEXTORTION**
  - Remind them: Don't create, request, or share images!
  - Remember that 5 out of 6 children report that they haven't shared a nude image
  - 1 in 4 victims of sextortion were 13 or younger when threatened
  - The perpetrator is to blame!
- HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS WITH YOUR CHILDREN ABOUT THEIR ONLINE ACTIVITY - BE THEIR TRUSTED ADULT**
- IF SOMEONE ASKS FOR HELP, HELP THEM**
  - Do you know anyone that may need help with this?
  - There's no mistake too big. You can always ask for help.
  - What would you do if someone pressured you for sexual images or "nudes"?
- ACCESS HELPFUL RESOURCES**
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  - **REPORT TO CEOP POLICE ( <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre> )**



CALL FOR INFORMATION, ADVICE OR IF YOU JUST WANT TO TALK

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IF YOU SUSPECT ABUSE CALL NSPCC HELPLINE

**0800 800 5000**

IF YOU'RE A CHILD & WANT HELP CALL CHILDLINE

**0800 1111**

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